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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE SAM GODDARD.

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1 The Honorable Samuel P. Goddard, Jr., Arizona's twelfth governor, died
2 on February 1, 2006 at the age of eighty-six.

3 Born on August 8, 1919, in Clayton, Missouri, Sam Goddard graduated
4 from Harvard University where he majored in classical history and served as a
5 member of the varsity crew team and the Harvard Glee Club. After his
6 graduation in 1941, Sam Goddard enlisted as a private in the United States
7 Army Air Corps, and during World War II he served as an operations and
8 communications officer in all theatres of operation, serving the last months
9 of the war in the South Pacific. Sam Goddard rose to the rank of Major and
10 he remained active in the Air Force Reserve as a Colonel.

11 Sam Goddard married his wife, Judy Hatch, on a three-day pass from the
12 military on July 1, 1944. Judy moved to Tucson, where Sam joined her after
13 his discharge from the Air Force in 1945 and where their three sons were
14 born. He then enrolled in the University of Arizona law school and, after
15 graduating in 1949, he opened his first law practice in Tucson. He was
16 active in the community, serving such worthwhile capacities as campaign
17 chairman of the 1959 Tucson United Way and president of the Tucson Festival
18 Society. He sang the lead in several Gilbert and Sullivan operettas. He
19 also was instrumental in founding the Tucson Arts Festival in 1959. In the
20 late 1950s, Sam Goddard formed a radio and television company and he became a
21 pilot so that he could better access broadcasting facilities in remote parts
22 of the state.

23 In 1960, Sam Goddard became chairman of the Arizona Democratic
24 Committee, which he later served as chairman from 1979 to 1989. He served as
25 a delegate to nearly every Democratic national convention from 1964 until
26 1992. In 1962, he ran for governor of Arizona and though he lost he ran
27 again and was elected in 1964. Inaugurated on January 4, 1965, Governor
28 Goddard was a strong advocate for the rights of minorities and women, and
29 during his term in office he signed a civil rights bill that prohibited
30 discrimination in voting, employment and access to public places. He also
31 strongly supported the Central Arizona Project and worked to strengthen
32 Arizona's trade relationships with Mexico. Governor Goddard also established
33 the state's first budget office and established commissions on arts, aging
34 and employment of the handicapped.

35 Despite the demands of his political career, Sam Goddard was active in
36 numerous civic and community endeavors. He served on the national board of
37 the United Funds and Councils of America, leading a tour of USO operations
38 around the world in an effort to improve conditions for military dependents
39 overseas. He also served as a director of the Harvard Alumni Association, as
40 a board member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco and as a member
41 of the Central Arizona Water Conservation District Board.

42 Sam and Judy Goddard raised three sons, Terry, Tim and Bill, and they
43 were married for fifty-five years until her death in 1999. Sam then married
44 Myra Ann Pearson. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends
45 and the citizens of Arizona.

1 Therefore
2 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the
3 Senate concurring:
4 That the Members of the Legislature express regret at the passing of
5 Sam Goddard and extend their deepest sympathies to his surviving family
6 members.

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